

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0033] of the published application with the following paragraph:

The thus obtained tissue is fed into an injection syringe or the like and, after attaching a needle, is then injected into a defect in a cartilage to thereby treat or repair nasal deformation, nose elevation, facial bone deformation, facial bone defect, gnathoplasty, skull deformation, skull defect, ~~arthrosis-deformans~~, microtia or other diseases accompanied by a defect in a cartilage or a defective cartilage. In this step, the cartilage tissue may be used in the form of a mixture with a carrier selected from among collagen, polyglycolic acid (PGA), polylactic acid, alginate, polyethylene oxide, fibrin adhesive, polylactic acid-polyglycolic acid copolymer, proteoglycan or glucosaminoglycan. The chondrocytes obtained by the production method according to the present invention are practically usable as such without resorting to a carrier.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following paragraph:

The method of producing chondrocytes according to the present invention can be applied to the culture of chondrocytes of any human cartilage tissue having perichondrium bonded thereto such as auricular cartilage, costal cartilage, ~~articular cartilage~~, intervertebral cartilage or tracheal cartilage. In particular, it is suitable for culturing and proliferating chondrocytes of auricular cartilage.

Please replace paragraph [0038] of the published application with the following paragraph:

3) The thus treated tissue is centrifuged and the obtained precipitate (chondrocytes and perichondrium cells) is employed in the culture.